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COMMERCE FOR BATALLER, BIC

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SUBJECT : EVALUATION OF MAY SEMINAR

REF : BATALLER/BURLEIGH LETTER DATED AUGUST 27

1. IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR SEPT. 19 DEADLINE WE ARE
FORWARDING OUR COMMENTS BY CABLE.

2. IN GENERAL, BOTH THE EMBASSY AND OUR PARTICIPANT
(A.H. MOFIZ) FELT THE MAY SEMINAR EXTREMELY VALUABLE
AND FOR A NUMBER OF SPECIFIC REASONS.

3. OF OVER-RIDING IMPORTANCE WAS THE EXPOSURE OF
THE FSL TO THE CONCERNS, PRIORITIES AND PROBLEMS OF
WASHINGTON END-USERS OF OUR COMMERCIAL WORK.
WITHOUT SUCH EXPOSURE IT IS DIFFICULT FOR FSLs, UNUSED TO THE
WAYS OF WASHINGTON BUREAUCRACIES, TO KNOW EXACTLY HOW
THEY CAN BE MOST USEFUL AND MAKE THE MOST EFFICIENT
USE OF THEIR TIME AND ENERGY. WE FEEL THE SEMINAR,
IN LARGE MEASURE, ACCOMPLISHED THIS IMPORTANT TASK.

4. SECONDLY, AS WITH MOST REGIONAL SEMINARS, THE
OPPORTUNITY WAS AFFORDED FOR MEANINGFUL, BECAUSE
PRACTICAL, EXCHANGES OF EXPERIENCE BETWEEN COLLEAGUES
FUNCTIONING IN REGION WHICH ENJOYS MUCH IN COMMON,
CULTURALLY AND COMMERCIALY. THERE IS THUS MUCH
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OVERLAP IN EXPERIENCES AND THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE

SHARING OF SOLUTIONS TO COMMON PROBLEMS.

5. THIS EMBASSY WOULD HOPE, GIVEN THE CONSTRAINTS
OF BUDGETS AND PERSONNEL, THAT SUCH REGIONAL SEMINARS
COULD BE HELD ON A RECURRING BASIS, PERHAPS ANNUALLY.
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